**CHRIST IS ALL IN ALL OF LIFE! 1 C0R. 10:31(1)**

These 2 stories both stem from a terrible view of life: **The divided life! The bifurcated life!**

This comes from the 2 step / stage or 3 step / stage forms of Christianity.

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| **Higher life** | **Spiritual life** | **Better life** |
| **Lower life** | **Carnal life** | **Worse life** |

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| **Sunday**  **Religion** | **Monday - Saturday**  **Reality** |

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| **In the Spirit** | **In the flesh** |

**1 Corinthians 10:31**

**Whether therefore ye eat, or drink,**

**or whatsoever ye do,**

**do all to the glory of God.**

We are confronted with eating, drinking, whatever – all rather mundane, common activities!

Doing even the mundane / common to the glory of God?

The sphere we bring glory to God is all of Life? The undivided life? The rest of life?

But Pastor – what about sin, evil, wrong, &…isn’t this a fallen world? Yes, and that complicates life but doesn’t change life!

**1. We live all of life & the rest of life as from the Hand of God!  
1 Corinthians 10:26 For the earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof.**

**1 Corinthians 10:27** If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake. **1 Corinthians 10:28** But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: **for the earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof:**

**Simple but so very profound….**

**Exodus 9:29** And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the Lord; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; **that thou mayest know how that the earth is the Lord’s.**

**Exodus 19:5** Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: **for all the earth is mine:**

**Deuteronomy 10:14** Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord’s thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.

**Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof; The world, and they that dwell therein. Psalm 24:2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the floods.**

**Psalm 50:10** For every beast of the forest is mine, And the cattle upon a thousand hills. **Psalm 50:11** I know all the fowls of the mountains: And the wild beasts of the field are mine. **Psalm 50:12** If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: For the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

**Psalm 89:11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: As for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.**

**1 Timothy 6:17** Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, **who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;**

**God gives us abilities:**

* **To smell**
* **To hear**
* **To ssee**
* **To touch**
* **To taste**
* **Plus to think**

**And God gave us both sides!!!**

**Ability to smell: something to smell**

**Ability to see: something to see**

**Ability to hear: something to hear**

**Ability to taste: something to taste**

**Ability to feel / touch: something to touch**

**Why will we have a body forever? Why is the embodied existence a distinctly Christian idea? Why the resurrection of the body?**

**2. We live all of life & the rest of life as by the Grace of God!**

**1 Corinthians 10:30** For **if I by grace (Εἰ ἐγὼ χάριτι μετέχω)** be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which **I give thanks (ἐγὼ εὐχαριστῶ)?**

**Ephesians 2:8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Ephesians 2:9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

**Romans 3:24** Being justified freely **by his grace (χάριτι)** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

**1 Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace (Χάριτι δὲ θεοῦ) of God** I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

**2 Corinthians 12:9** And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**The simplest parts of life are by grace and we say grace!**

**CHRIST IS ALL IN ALL OF LIFE! 1 C0R. 10:31 (2)**

**1. We live all of life & the rest of life as from the Hand of God!  
2. We live all of life & the rest of life as by the Grace of God!**

**3. We live all of life & the rest of life as with the Wisdom of God!  
1 Corinthians 10:6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.**

**1 Corinthians 10:7 Neither** be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. **1 Corinthians 10:8 Neither** let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. **1 Corinthians 10:9 Neither** let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. **1 Corinthians 10:10 Neither** murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

**1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.**

**1 Corinthians 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.**

**1 Corinthians 10:14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.**

**The illogic of some:**

* **God created everything.**
* **God created everything good.**
* **God created everything for me to enjoy.**
* **Therefore, I must enjoy everything!!!**

**Although life is beautiful, wonderful, the gift of God 🡪 it is also fraught with d**

* **Lusting after evil things**
* **Idolatry**
* **Fornication 🡪 both physical and spiritual**
* **Tempting God**
* **Murmuring, griping, complaining…**
* **We have examples**
* **We have warnings**
* **We have a great promise**

**All of life, the rest of life cannot be lived well / for His glory without the wisdom of God**

**Deuteronomy 4:6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. Deuteronomy 4:7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for? Deuteronomy 4:8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?**

**Deuteronomy 10:12** And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, **Deuteronomy 10:13** To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

**Deuteronomy 10:14** Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord’s thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.

**Psalm 19:7** The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. **Psalm 19:8** The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. **Psalm 19:9** The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. **Psalm 19:10** More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. **Psalm 19:11** Moreover by them is thy servant warned: And in keeping of them there is great reward.

**Proverbs 4:5** Get wisdom, get understanding: Forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. **Proverbs 4:6** Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: Love her, and she shall keep thee.

**Proverbs 4:7** Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: And with all thy getting get understanding.

**Daniel 1:17** As for these four children, **God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.**

**Looking broadly at the rest of life we must apply wisdom:**

**(1). From the market:**

**In the context of the everyday**

**1 Corinthians 10:25** Whatsoever is sold **in the shambles (ἐν μακέλλῳ),** that eat, asking no question for conscience sake: **1 Corinthians 10:26 For the earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof.**

**(2). In a (pagan) temple:**

**In the context of enmeshment**

**1 Corinthians 10:14** Wherefore, my dearly beloved, **flee** from idolatry.

**1 Corinthians 10:15** I speak as to wise men; **judge ye what I say**. **1 Corinthians 10:16** The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? **1 Corinthians 10:17** For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

**1 Corinthians 10:19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? 1 Corinthians 10:20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.** **1 Corinthians 10:21** Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord’s table, and of the table of devils.

**Are there places we must avoid? If so, why? The environment is more than just food.**

**(3). At a meal:**

**In the context of evangelism &/ edification**

**1 Corinthians 10:27 If** any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake. **1 Corinthians 10:28** But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: **for the earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof:**

**How might this impact our choices? What might we do to prepare ourselves?**

**4. We live all of life & the rest of life as to / for the Glory of God!**

**1 Corinthians 10:31** Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

**God finds great pleasure in us**

**When we find great pleasure in Him!**

**John 5:24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. **John 5:25** Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. **John 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;**

**John 17:4** I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. **John 17:5** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

**John 17:24** Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; **that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.**

**John 17:26** And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: **that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.**